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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Provincial Grand Lodge

OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

A. F. & A. M., R. S.,

AT ITS

SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

THE CITY OF VICTORIA, MAY 1, A. L. 5869.

ORDERED BY THE R. W. THE PROV. GRAND MASTER,

That these Proceedings be read in each Lodge immediately after the receipt thereof.

VICTORIA:

J. B. McILLAN, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER.

PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS

For the Masonic Year 5868.

- R. W. BRO. I. W. POWELL, M. D., Victoria, Provincial Grand Master,
R. W. BRO. N. J. NEUSTADT, Victoria, Deputy Prov. Grand Master,
R. W. BRO. R. H. ADAMS, Victoria, Substitute Prov. Grand Master,
R. W. BRO. SIMON DUCK, Victoria, Senior Prov. Grand Warden,
R. W. BRO. S. D. LEVI, Nanaimo, Junior Prov. Grand Warden,
V. W. BRO. J. R. STEWART, Victoria, Prov. Grand Treasurer,
V. W. BRO. H. F. HEISTERMAN, Victoria, Prov. Grand Secretary,
V. W. BRO. GEO. GRANT, Barkerville, Prov. Grand Clerk,
REV. and V. W. BRO. T. SOMERVILLE, Victoria, Prov. Grand Chaplain,
W. BRO. M. W. WAITT, Victoria, Prov. Senior Grand Deacon,
W. BRO. J. C. HUGHES, Burrard Inlet, Prov. Junior Grand Deacon,
W. BRO. W. DALBY, Victoria, Prov. Grand Architect,
W. BRO. JONATHAN NUTT, Barkerville, Prov. Grand Bible Bearer,
W. BRO. JAMES MILLON, Victoria, Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies,
W. BRO. COOTE M. CHAMBERS, Burrard Inlet, Prov. Grand Organist,
W. BRO. Dr. W. JACKSON, Victoria, Prov. Grand Sword Bearer,
W. BRO. P. J. HALL, Victoria, Prov. Grand Tyler.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The R. W. Provincial Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia commenced its Second Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall, at Victoria, V. I., B. C., on Saturday, May 1st, A. D., 1869, at 2 o'clock P. M.

At the call of the roll the following officers responded :

The R. W. J. W. Powell, M. D.....	Prov. Grand Master ;
V. W. N. J. Neustadt.....	Dep. Prov. Grand Master ;
" " R. H. Adams.....	Prov. Senior Grand Warden ;
" " H. F. Heisterman.....	Prov. Grand Clerk ;
W. and Rev. Thos. Somerville.....	Prov. Grand Chaplain ;
W. Simeon Duck.....	Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies ;
M. P. J. Hall.....	Prov. Grand Tyler ;

with the representatives of 4 Lodges.

The Provincial Grand Master filled the vacant station and places by the following appointments, *pro tempore* :

The V. W. W. Dalby, as.....Prov. Junior Grand Warden ;
 V. W. W. Jas. Gillon, as.....Prov. Grand Treasurer ;
 W. W. Jackson as.....Prov. Senior Grand Deacon ;
 W. H. Cantrill, as.....Prov. Junior Grand Deacon ;
 W. G. C. Keays, as.....Prov. Grand Sword Bearer ;

The Provincial Grand Lodge of British Columbia was then opened in DUE FORM, with solemn prayer by the Provincial Grand Chaplain.

The Provincial Grand Master then announced the appointment of the following Committee

ON CREDENTIALS :
 { Bro. N. J. Neustadt,
 " W. Jackson,
 " Simeon Duck,

The minutes of the Annual Convention in December were then read and on motion confirmed.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following Lodges as present by their Representatives :

VANCOUVER LODGE, No. 421 :	{	SIMEON DUCK, W. M. W. JACKSON, S. W. W. DALBY, J. W. J. W. POWELL, N. J. NEUSTADT, R. H. ADAMS, M. W. WAITT,	{	PAST MASTERS.
CARIBOO LODGE, No. 469 :	{	C. STROUSS, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. JAS. GILLON, " " S. W. E. C. PARSONS, " " J. W.		
CALEDONIA LODGE, No. 478 :	{	M. W. WAITT, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. JAS. HARVEY, " " S. W. R. GEORGE, " " J. W.		
MOUNT HERMON LODGE :	{	R. H. ADAMS, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. H. F. HEISTERMAN, " " S. W. G. C. KEAYS, " " J. W.		

The R. W., the Provincial Grand Master then addressed the Provincial Grand Lodge, as follows :

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BRETHREN OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE:

I rejoice in having the opportunity and in being permitted by the Great Architect of the Universe to meet and welcome the Brethren of our jurisdiction to the Annual Communication of our Provincial Grand Lodge. May it be an occasion for the renewal of kind greetings and warm friendship, and may we all before finishing our labors and fulfilling our several duties to ourselves and the Craft, whom we have the honor of representing, experience that joy and pleasure which all good and true men feel when united in purposes calculated to promote, uphold and perpetuate the dignity, purity and honor of our Order. I fervently trust that the sentiment of true fraternity which will cement our Craft in the future, may pervade all our present counsels, and that the distinguished honor of our profession may not be stained by an exhibition of those petty jealousies and rivalries which characterize the turmoil of our pursuits without these walls. Never forgetting that high standard of gentlemanly courtesy and forbearance which adorns him who not only appreciates, but practice the brightest teachings of Masonry. We are assembled here for the mutual good of ourselves and the Brethren and Lodges of our jurisdiction. Let us zealously, generously and faithfully enter upon the task. "Let the genius of Masonry preside," and under her sovereign sway let us endeavor to act with becoming dignity—with

"Hearts resolved and hands prepared
The blessings they enjoy to guard."

The past year has not been devoid of interest, and a reference to the proceedings which have occurred in the interim of our meetings will show that even in this small jurisdiction the office of Provincial Grand Master is not one without labor and considerable anxiety, and if not assisted by the unanimity and good feeling of faithful Brethren, will be but feebly felt in guiding and upholding your interests. Whatever may be said of the past, I have at present the very best evidence that my humble endeavors are amply rewarded by your aid and confidence, and I know you will pardon the aspiration of my highest ambition in soliciting its continuance for the future.

Last year I granted Dispensations to Vancouver Lodge, 421, and Caledonia, 478, to confer the 2d and 3d Degrees of Masonry before the expiration of the regular period on four different occasions, and althoath, I am thoroughly adverse to a practice which pushes candidates through Masonry with undue haste, yet such pressing and cogent reasons were adduced in these instances, that I reluctantly granted the petitions of the Worshipful Master and Wardens. On the 10th March, accompanied by my Provincial Grand Officers, I paid an official visit to Caledonia Lodge, then under my Dispen-

sation, where we exemplified Scottish work upon material "ready and waiting for the occasion." On the 19th we paid a second visit inspecting the books, &c., and I took the opportunity of conveying to the Members of this Lodge my opinion that their Hall was not by any means a safe one, wherein a Masonic Lodge should be held. Since that time, I am happy to inform you that the Brethren of both jurisdictions in that locality have erected a commodious, secure and excellent room, recently consecrated by the Worthy and Right Worshipful Brother, who presides over the sister Craft of the Colony.

On the 8th of August, I received and accepted an invitation to lay the foundation stone of St. Andrew's Church, in this city. I need only refer here to the pleasure I had on the 20th of the same month, we visiting and taking part in the Inaugural Ceremonies, attendant upon the erection of the District Grand Lodge of our sister jurisdiction; and in the afternoon of the same day to have their assistance in laying the stone of this beautiful edifice with due form and ceremony, in the presence of a large concourse of brethren, citizens and others.

In January, I granted a Dispensation to the Lodge Mount Hermon, Burrard Inlet, Bro. J. C. Hughes, W. M.; Bro. W. T. O. Allen, S. W.; Bro. P. W. Swett, J. W., with the required number of Brothers. On the 13th I proceeded to the Inlet, where these enterprising Brethren had erected at their own expense, a handsome and commodious hall, filled with all the comforts and attractions of a Model Lodge room. On the 14th I performed for them the important ceremonies of consecration and installation, and have great pleasure now in welcoming a deputation of them to this Communication. The Lodge Cariboo, 469, the only one I have been unable to visit (on account of great distance,) has suffered serious reverses in having her fine Hall, together with all the contents, totally destroyed by fire; but it is a circumstance of more than usual gratification that another "little temple" has arisen Phoenix like from the ashes of the first one, and that these ambitious "sons of light" are already in a position to give practical proof that they are not to be surpassed in having a well appointed Hall, wherein they may enjoy in comfort, the privileges of our Order.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

I have been called upon to decide a few questions of Masonic law; but as I regard them unimportant, I do not consider it necessary to bring them before you, on this occasion. I received an official letter from the Secretary of the Lodge Vancouver, complaining of the action of a Lodge of the sister jurisdiction, in receiving applications for candidature immediately after rejection by Vancouver Lodge. In corresponding with District Grand

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Master Burnaby, upon this subject, he takes the ground that the Lodge in question has an "undoubted right" in the exercise of what, in my opinion, is most deplorable—situated as we are; and that courtesy alone, must direct them in the disposal of such application. Since this occurrence, I have been told of other instances of the same nature by the same Lodge. Without here going into the strict jurisprudence of the question, it is deserving of your grave consideration, whether a Lodge merits your recognition or society, which will repeat such a flagrant and unpardonable breach of "courtesy" to a sister Lodge. Lodges located in the same town which give encouragement to such injudicious rivalry as the immediate or remote (if you will) acceptance of petitions of candidates rejected by a sister Lodge, not only open wide our portals to the *questionable*, if not the unworthy; but lower the respectability and utterly destroy, so far as their influence is concerned, the prestige of Masonry. The true design of our Lodges whether English, Irish or Scotch, should be, not to receive unknown or even doubtful characters, but to receive and associate true men of positively good reputation, who voluntarily express a wish to unite with us in promoting our purposes. Obstacles to the entrance and advancement of of unworthy, or even questionable candidates for the Degrees of Free Masonry, deserve and should receive not only the hearty endorsement of sister Lodges, but of every honest and intelligent lover of our Institution. A Lodge may occasionally do an injustice in a rejection; but "it violates less law when it rejects ten worthy persons, than when it receives an unworthy one. And, if even in the opinion of some, positive law does not compel courtesy, certainly much more fraternal reciprocity for mutual protection, should require one Lodge to allow another to correct its own error if it has committed any by the rejection of a worthy applicant. Therefore it is, that I opine, Lodges should uphold each other in refusing admission to one who is doubtful, or who may bring dishonor upon the *whole* Craft, although adding numerically to one of them, naturally acknowledging and insisting upon that general and well known law of probation and concurrent testimony of unexceptionable material.

INSUBORDINATION.

Fortunately I have little to complain of under this head, as I have had on many occasions lately repeated assurances of support and assistance from those over whom I am for the time appointed to preside. But *one* case of glaring contempt for an executive demand under the Seal of our Provincial Grand Lodge, has occurred during the last four months. The dignity of the Craft, and a stern sense of duty compelled me, to my sorrow, to act decisively and finally upon the occasion. The case referred to, together with all the particulars in connection with which, and my own action in the matter,

will be duly placed before you for consideration at this Communication. In asserting and upholding the authority and dignity of our Provincial Grand Lodge, while unwilling to resort to harsh discipline, I should certainly be wanting in respect to my office, in fidelity to the Constitution to which we are all bound in allegiance, and duty to your own authority in this Colony were I to hesitate or refuse to call into requisition, the most disagreeable function of my station.

I submit herewith, papers in respect to an appeal from the action of Calcedonia Lodge, 478, by a well known member of that Lodge. The Brother asks that the sentence of suspension of Archibald McAllister, for gross un-Masonic conduct for a period of twelve months, be extended indefinitely, or that he be expelled for ever from the Order.

ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES.

Trouble arising in Lodges from a want of knowledge of those laws and customs which regulate the admission of candidates, has been frequently brought to my notice on this account, discussions have arisen after a ballot has proved unfavorable, and especially after the Lodge has been closed. Such discussions can only be productive of the greatest evil, and a slur upon the motive of the Lodge which has refused to receive the candidate. When the ballot has been announced by the Master, it should be considered and is the solemn action of the Lodge. Every member may be said to have cast the black ballot; and therefore in all instances, so far as the Lodge is concerned, and the time honored custom teaches, is unanimous. No member after the Master's declaration has a right to say how he voted, whether affirmatively or negatively, unless indeed it be to satisfy the Lodge that he has committed an error, and wishes to remedy the resulting injustice of his act. Comment then, either in or out of the Lodge, is unlawful. It is beside not only productive of ill feeling and discord, but it questions the integrity of each and every individual action which Masonic honor, sacred obligation, and the solemnity of the occasion should perfectly guarantee.

RIGHT OF VISITATION.

So much has been said upon this subject that it would seem almost a repetition to refer to it; but I believe the right is often misunderstood, and especially among the younger members of the Fraternity. Too much care cannot be exercised in examining stranger Brethren and visiting applicants. Private examinations by individual members, beside being exceedingly reprehensible (except by the most expert and experienced), do not as a matter of right entitle a member to vouch for a visitor. The 14th article of Ancient Resolutions, according to our Constitution, charges the Master

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to permit no visitors to be received in his Lodge without due explanation or producing proper vouchers of initiation in a regular Lodge. He is therefore responsible for the admission of every visitor in his Lodge, and, as a consequence, it is not only his sole right, but imperative duty, to select the most discreet—the most skillful brethren to conduct an examination, who are indeed, his own agents or proxy on the occasion. The most convincing proof of true and honest fellowship, should at all times be exacted, and where a single doubt exists, our portals should be firmly closed to the applicant.

BENEVOLENT FUND.

I have to report the reception of a letter from District Grand Lodge, inviting us to join with them, in the formation of a Benevolent Fund to be managed and controlled by a joint Committee or Board of Relief from both Grand Lodges. This proposition is worthy our earnest consideration, as being not only quite practical, but as binding us in the common claim of Brotherhood, with respect to the foundation of our Order—Charity. At present Masters of Lodges are subjected to much trouble and annoyance through appeals for charity, and in some instances that I am aware of, have been grossly imposed upon. The formation of the projected board will, in my opinion, relieve them of this responsibility, and at the same time refer claims for charity to greater or more secure scrutiny, while the time of the Lodges will not be taken up in discussing them.

INDEPENDENT GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The following resolutions have been sent me by the Secretary of Lodge Vancouver, proposing a general Convention of the Craft, with a view to the erection of an Independent Grand Lodge of British Columbia :

VANCOUVER LODGE, 421, R. S., VICTORIA, JAN. 5th, 1869.

H. F. HEISTERMAN, ESQ., PROVINCIAL GRAND CLERK OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE, SCOTTISH MASONS, B. C.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I herewith transmit to you a Copy of Resolutions unanimously passed by Vancouver Lodge, at a meeting held January 2nd, 1869.

Moved by Bro. R. H. Adams, seconded by Bro H. E. Seelye :

1st. That there are at present in the Colony of British Columbia, a Provincial Grand Lodge of Free Masons under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and a District Grand Lodge under that of the Grand Lodge of England.

2ND. That under these Provincial and District Grand Lodges, there are only Eight Subordinate Lodges (one under dispensation), representing numerically a Brotherhood of about Three Hundred.

3RD. That the support of these two Provincial and District Grand Lodges—in addition to the transmission of Grand Lodge fees to both Mother Grand Lodges in Scotland and England—causes a drain upon the funds of the Subordinate Lodges, so great as to prevent their accumulation for any local, benevolent or other purposes calculated to advance the interests and happiness of the Order in this Colony.

4TH. That the existence of two Grand Lodges, or financially speaking, four Grand Lodges, tends (besides scattering the funds) to create jealousies and rivalry highly injurious to what would otherwise be a happy and united brotherhood, to open our sacred portals to the unworthy, and dissipate strength and resources which combined, would fully establish, support and amply provide for the permanent success and prosperity of one Independent Grand Lodge.

5TH. That the decisions and edicts of a Provincial or District Grand Lodge, are unsatisfactory, inasmuch as they are not final and may be appealed from and the great distance of England or Scotland from the Colony, the uncertainty of mail communication, and the delays which are apt to, and do occur in correspondence, causing often vexatious repetition so as entirely to prevent the good results which would accrue from the establishment of Grand Lodge authority in this Colony.

6TH. That the formation of an *Independent Grand Lodge of British Columbia*, uniting the Brethren of both jurisdictions under one Grand authority, responsible to themselves, would at once ensure harmony and promote the success and prosperity of all, retain monies in one Grand Lodge for our own Masonic purposes which are now exacted by four Grand Lodges—two of which are Ten Thousand miles distant—and enable us at once to command the respect and hearty co-operation of sister Independent Grand Lodges throughout the world.

7TH. That a Committee be appointed to confer with all sister Lodges upon the subject of the foregoing resolutions, and to recommend the best means of carrying them into effect, either by calling a General Convention of the Craft, or otherwise as may seem most expedient.

Bros. P. M., R. H. Adams, P. M., M. W. Waitt, and Bro. H. E. Seelye were appointed a Committee on the foregoing resolutions.

I have the honor to be, My Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally.

R. B. POWELL, Secretary.

My position here as the Representative of the M. W. the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, prevented me from taking any notice of this document either in favor of or against, unless with the advice and direction of our Grand Lodge. In a local point of view it is difficult, however, to conceal from ones' self, the impression that the existence of Lodges hailing from two Grand Lodges with the contingency of other jurisdictions being at no distant day introduced, does tend to create diversity of interests and allegiance, to induce local and national prejudices, ungenerous and unmasonic rivalry between Lodges, (already alluded to in a former part of this address,) and as has been aptly expressed in a resolution passed by the Brethren of a sister Colony, fosters much estrangement among the Brethren of a Society which itself "knows no country, is confined to no race." I will transmit the Resolutions as passed to Scotland, for the action and advice if any, of our Grand Lodge.

One more subject I will allude to, before concluding this imperfect address and that is the financial condition of our Provincial Grand Lodge. I feel grateful to our Brethren whose support has enabled us to meet our liabilities with promptitude during the past, and in view of our having no necessities in the future requiring increased funds, and the scarcity of money justly complained of by so many, I should advise the reduction of our fees one-half during the present session. So far, I have endeavored to curtail Provincial Grand Lodge expenditure to the strict limitation of necessity, having never drawn upon its funds for expense of visitation or any outlay of my own on her account. I must not omit in connection with this matter to convey a sense of my own obligation to W. Brother the Provincial Grand Clerk, who has rendered me much valuable assistance, and who has performed gratuitously so much labor in the interests of our Craft. He assures me that the gratitude of his Brethren is his greatest reward; but I trust it may be more tangible and that for the future you will enact that our Grand Secretary shall have his important duties recompensed by some stated salary or system of fees. And now dear Brethren in conclusion let me trust that I have not held my own responsible position altogether unacceptably to yourselves, giving you the assurance that the future welfare of the Craft in British Columbia will always command my best consideration and heartfelt devotion. May your Society refuse the most remote corner to personal animosity, or party strife. May respect for constituted authority distinguish all your deliberations, and the broad mantle of Charity cover all your acts. May the Great Architect of the Universe preside over our temple and cement our Order by adorning it with every moral and social virtue.

"With Faith our Guide, and humble Hope,
Warm Charity and Love;
May all at last be raised to share
The light of Him above."

And as we are soon to quit this sacred retreat and mingle again with the outer world, struggling for successes, allured by a thousand temptations, let me recall to your memory, for practice, the words of that good Apostle, who fervently admonishes us to honor all men ! love the Brotherhood ! fear God ! honor the King !!

I. W. POWELL,
Provincial Grand Master, British Columbia.

The address of the Provincial Grand Master was, on motion, ordered to be referred to a special committee of five, and the following Brethren were announced as said committee :

ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.....	{	BRO. R. H. ADAMS, " N. J. NEUSTADT, S. DUCK, " JAS. GILLON, " H. F. HEISTERMAN,
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On motion, the W. M.'s and W.'s Lodges were appointed a committee to nominate elective officers.

The R. W. the Provincial Grand Master, then appointed the following committee:

ON JURISPRUDENCE AND GRIEVANCES.....	{	BRO. N. J. NEUSTADT, " H. F. HEISTERMAN, " SIMEON DUCK.
ON FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.....	{	BRO. W. JACKSON, " W. DALBY, " JAS. GILLON.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment till Monday evening, the 3rd of May, at 8 o'clock.

IN PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

EVENING SESSION,
Monday, May 3, A. L., 5839. }

The Provincial Grand Lodge resumed labor at 8 o'clock, the Provincial Grand Master, presiding.

After prayer by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, the

minutes of the session of Saturday were read and approved.

The Provincial Grand Clerk then presented his report as follows, which was likewise received and on motion placed on file:

GRAND CLERK'S REPORT.

TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE, IN SESSION:

The Provincial Grand Clerk presents the following report of the transactions of his, and that of the absent Provincial Grand Secretary, since the establishment of the Provincial Grand Lodge in December, 1867.

A twelvemonth has passed since the inauguration of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

In accordance with instructions my colleague, Provincial Grand Secretary Richardson, had a hundred copies of those proceedings printed and distributed among the Lodges under this jurisdiction, the sister Lodges in the colony under English jurisdiction, and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodges of California, Oregon and Washington Territory.

Returns from all the Subordinate Lodges have been received. Said returns have partly been transmitted to Scotland, and the returns to the Provincial Grand Lodge are now in the hands of the Committee on returns.

The following Dispensations were issued:

ON THE 30TH OCT., 1867. To *Vancouver Lodge No. 421*, authorizing the reception of the petition of Patrick Wheelan, Steward, H. M. S., and to ballot and confer the Degrees otherwise than prescribed by the By-Laws and Constitution.

ON THE 20TH JAN., 1868. To *Vancouver Lodge, No. 421*, to proceed similarly in the petition of F. B. Mills, Steward, H. M. S. Chanticleer, owing to departure of that ship.

ON THE 17TH MARCH, 1868. To *Caledonia Lodge, No. 478*, at Nanaimo, to confer the first Degree on Mr. Francis Deane Little, otherwise than prescribed by the By-Laws.

ON THE 7TH JULY, 1868. To *Vancouver Lodge, No. 421*, authorizing that Lodge to assist at the funeral of W. M. Doran W. M. of Nanaimo Lodge, E. R.

- ON THE 24TH AUGUST, 1868. To *Caledonia Lodge, No. 478*, a general authority on the Master for the time being, to bury with Masonic honors any deceased brother, on condition that due notice be sent every time the Dispensation is so used.
- ON THE 24TH AUGUST, 1868. To *Cariboo Lodge, No. 469*, Barkerville, a similar authority, and on the same conditions.
- ON THE 14TH NOV., 1868. To *Vancouver Lodge, No. 421*, authority and summons of the Provincial Grand Lodge, to attend the Provincial Grand Lodge for the burial of Bro. Paul Medena, District Grand Organist, E. R.
- ON THE 11TH DEC., 1868. To *Vancouver Lodge, No. 421*, authority to bury with Masonic honors Bro. J. W. Dissette, a member of that Lodge.

From R. W. Grand Secretary W. A. Laurie, 150 Diplomas were received. These have been received as follows :

To Vancouver Lodge, No. 421.....	30	Diplomas.	
To Cariboo Lodge, No. 469.....	19	"	
To " " " "	1	"	(not paid for.)
To Caledonia Lodge, No. 478.....	7	"	
To Vancouver Lodge, No. 421.....	18	"	(due by Grand Sec. Laurie to Lodge.)
A total of.....	75		

Leaving 75 Diplomas in my possession.

There were also received from R. W. Provincial Grand Secretary, — copies of Grand Lodge Laws. 29 copies have been sold, 1 copy being given to the sister District Grand Lodge of England, and the balance are on hand.

From the report of the Grand Lodge of California, I observe that the system of Life Assurance among its members has been mooted, and it appears to me that the same might be carried out advantageously in this Colony, if the Brethren of both jurisdictions were to unite in this object; or if the Brethren should think that their number are too few for the purpose, they might solicit the privilege of participating in the system of one of the neighboring Grand Lodges. The benefits from the system are so great and the machinery so simple that I feel called to direct the attention of the Provincial Grand Lodge thereto.

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The Provincial Grand Clerk in account with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scottish Masons of British Columbia :

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March, 1868.—To Dispensations Vancouver Lodge, No. 421.....	10 00
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" " " Sale of Grand Lodge Laws at 50 cents.....	15 50
" " " 1 Diploma, cash.....	2 50
Sept. 24, 1868.—To Dues by Cariboo Lodge, No. 466.....	220 00
Dec. 26, " " " Vancouver Lodge, 469.....	195 00
" " " of Grand Lodge officers.....	7 50
" " " Grand Lodge dues by Vancouver Lodge, 421...	75 00
Sep. 24, " " " Loan by Vancouver Lodge, 421.....	400 00
	<u>\$967 00</u>

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January, 1868.—By Grand Lodge Seal.....	\$ 10 00
" " " Printing Proceedings.....	15 00
" " " Scarfs.....	10 00
" " " Postages.....	6 32
" " " Hibben & Co., Stationery.....	2 75
" " " 1 Diploma collected.....	2 50
Aug. 20, 1868.—By Engrossing and Parchment.....	7 50
Sept. 1, " " " Haynes' Band at the Foundation Stone of St. Andrew's Church.....	30 00
" 24, " " " Bro. J. R. Stewart.....	620 00
" 22, " " " R W P. G. M. refund on Duties on Regalia....	47 75
Oct. 1, " " " 1 Deed box.....	4 50
" " " P. J. Hall, Sundries.....	5 50
" " " Grand Tyler.....	
Dec. 26, " " " Balance.....	8 18
	<u>\$967 00</u>

To Balance forward to 1869.....\$8 18

All which is respectfully submitted.

H. F. HEISTERMAN,
Provincial Grand Clerk.

Since compiling the above I beg leave to submit the following additional account to the 1st day of May, 1869.

Dec. 26, 1868.—To Balance from last account.....	\$ 8 18
“ “ “ Dues by Past Grand officers.....	37 50
July, 7, 1869.—To Mount Hermon Lodge, U. D. for Charter.....	54 00
“ “ “ “ “ for Dispensation.....	10 00
July, 20, “ “ Bro. P. G. Treasurer Stewart, refund of Dues to Vancouver Lodge.....	47 50
March, 1, “ “ Cariboo Lodge, 469, for 1 Seal.....	18 25
“ 19 “ “ Dispensation to Vancouver Lodge, 421, to raise Brother Ennor.....	10 00
	<u>\$185 43</u>
Dec. 31, 1868.—By Bro. P. G. Treasurer, cash.....	\$37 50
Jan. 7, 1869.—“ Wells, Fargo & Co., Draft at Sight for Charter on Union Bank London.....	54 00
“ 20, “ “ Draft on London favor of W. A. Laurie, for difference remitted £5.8s. 6d, ought to be £7 14s. 6d.	
	Difference, 2 6s.
	Dues for 1868, 5 13s. 6d.
	<u>£7 19s 6d.</u>
	At \$5 15 cts. 41 20
Jan. 20, 1869.—By Vancouver Lodge, cash Balance \$5 30	
Postage due by “	1 30
	<u>6 30</u>
March, 1, “ “ Bro. P. G. Treasurer, cash.....	18 25
“ “ “ Sundry Postages, &c.....	1 28
May, 1, “ “ Balance forward.....	26 90
	<u>\$185 43</u>
May 1, 1869.—To Balance.....	\$26 90.

On the 16th January, 1869, a communication was received from R. W. Brother Grand Secretary Laurie, under seal of Brother Grand Jeweler Hay, carrying the books of Caledonia Lodge, Nanaimo, 100 additional copies of Grand Lodge Laws, and 100 more Diplomas, making a total of 175 Diplomas on hand this day.

All which is respectfully submitted.

H. F. HEISTERMAN,
Provincial Grand Clerk.

VICTORIA, B. C., May, 1, 1869.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer then made his report a

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follows, which was likewise received, and on motion placed on file :

The Prov. Grand Treasurer begs to report that up to date hereof he has received the sum of eight hundred and seventeen dollars, and disbursed six hundred and seventy-three dollars and forty three cents, leaving a balance of one hundred and forty-three dollars and fifty-seven cents.

The following is a detailed statement of receipts and disbursements as per accompanying vouchers :

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Sept. 24, 186.	—To cash from P. G. Clerk.....	\$620 00
Dec. 26, "	To cash from Vancouver Lodge, No. 421, per Bro. J. Gillon, Treasurer.....	197 00
		<u>\$817 00</u>

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Oct. 1, 1868.	—By cash per T. N. Hibben & Co., Stationery.....	\$ 33 87
" 3, "	" " cash per A. Hay, for Prov. G. Lodge Regalia...	342 12
" " "	" " cash to W. A. Laurie, per order of Prov. G. M...	29 94
Nov. 16, "	" " to Bro P. J. Hall, for Grape.....	5 00
Dec. 12, "	" " to Bro. P. G. Clerk, for Sundries per Prov. G. M. order.....	52 50
" 26, "	" " to Treasurer Vancouver Lodge, being payment on account of P. G. Lodge's note of \$400.....	200 00
" " "	" " " being interest 3 months on said note..	12 00
		<u>\$673 43</u>

Balance in hand of Provincial Grand Treasurer, E. and O. E....\$143 57

J. ROBERTSON STEWART,

Provincial Grand Treasurer.

VICTORIA, V. I., December 26, 1868.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer begs to report further, that since the 26th December, 1868, to date, he received the sum of fifty-five dollars and seventy-five cents, and disbursed one hundred and three dollars and seventy cents. Leaving a balance on hand of Ninety-five dollars and 57 cents, as per following statement :

Dec. 24, 1868.	—To balance on hand.....	\$143 57
" 21, "	" " cash from P. G. Clerk.....	37 50
March, 1, "	" " " "	18 25
		<u>\$199 32.</u>

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Jan. 9, 1869.—By cash paid E. Harrison.....	\$15 00
“ 19, “ “ “ paid Colonist.....	16 00
“ 20, “ “ “ paid P. G. Clerk.....	47 50
Feb. 17, “ “ “ paid “	25 25
	\$103 75

Balance on hand this date, E. E.....\$95 57.

J. ROBERTSON STEWART,
Provincial Grand Treasurer.

VICTORIA, V. I., May 1, 1869.

Bro. N. J. Neustadt, from the Special Committee to whom were referred the address of the Provincial Grand Master, presented the following report:

To the R. W. the Provincial Grand Lodge of British Columbia;

IN SESSION.

The Committee to whom was referred the address of the R. W. the Provincial Grand Master, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave respectfully to report:

Your Committee at once proceed to the work assigned them and recommend—

That so much of the address as relates to the granting of Dispensations for conferring Degrees be approved of, and they unanimously agree with the R. W. the Provincial Grand Master, in deprecating this practice unless under the most urgent circumstances.

That so much as refers to Masonic Jurisprudence, be referred to your Committee on Jurisprudence and Grievances.

That so much as relates to the appeal from Caledonia Lodge, No. 478, be referred to same Committee.

We heartily concur in the action taken by the District Grand Lodge in the foundation of a Benevolent Fund, and we beg leave respectfully to recommend the appointment of a Special Committee, to consider the subject.

That so much of the address as refers to the admission of candidates and right of visitation, clearly expresses the view of this Committee, and the careful perusal of the remarks on these subjects is recommended to every Mason.

That the remarks of the R. W. the Provincial Grand Master, relating to the resolution passed by Vancouver Lodge, No. 421, to form an Indepen-

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dent Grand Lodge of British Columbia, have been carefully considered, and while expressing their entire concurrence with the views of these resolutions, they can but approve of his course in referring the important matter to Scotland for the advice of the Grand Lodge.

That so much as relates to the reduction of the Provincial Grand Lodge Fees, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts, as well as the future compensation of the Provincial Grand Secretary.

Your Committee fully appreciate and concur with the remarks of the R. W. the Provincial Grand Master, regarding the practice of the reception of rejected candidates by Sister Lodges and deem such a course as highly irregular, but refrain from offering any suggestions, as they believe the matter is being considered by the Subordinate Lodges themselves.

And in conclusion they join most heartily in the congratulations of the R. W. the Provincial Grand Master upon the measure of prosperity which has marked the progress of Scottish Masonry in this Colony, and it affords your Committee much pleasure to observe that the zealous, watchful and faithful services of the R. W. the Provincial Grand Master are duly appreciated by the Craft, tho' they are so modestly appreciated by himself.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee.....

{ N. J. NEUSTADT,
R. H. ADAMS,
SIMEON DUCK,
J. GILLON,
H. F. HEISTERMAN.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 3, 1869.

Bro. N. J. Neustadt, from the Committee on Grievances, presented the following report;

TO THE R. W. THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the action of the R. W. the Provincial Grand Master, in regard to Brother J. W. Keyser, of Vancouver Lodge, No. 421, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully beg to approve of the action of the Provincial Grand Master, and to recommend that he remain suspended, pending the pleasure of the R. W. Provincial Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee.....

{ N. J. NEUSTADT,
SIMEON DUCK,
H. F. HEISTERMAN.

which report was also adopted, and J. W. Keyser declared indefinitely suspended.

TO THE R. W. PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. Jas. Harvey, Acting Secretary of Caledonia Lodge, No. 478, against the action of the Lodge in the case of Archibald McAlister, and suspending the same for the space of 12 months, beg leave to report, that they have perused the evidence of such witnesses as they have been able to examine, and consider that the gross immorality displayed by Archibald McAlister, ought to be visited by the severest penalty of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and recommend that he be expelled.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee..... { N. J. NEUSTADT,
SIMEON DUCK,
H. F. HEISTERMAN.

Which report was also adopted and Archibald McAlister, declared expelled from all privileges of Masonry.

Bro. Jackson, from the Committee on Finance and accounts, then presented the following report :

TO THE R. W. THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA :

Your Committee to whom was referred the examination of the Treasurer's and Clerk's Accounts and that of the Finances of the R. W. the Provincial Grand Lodge, beg leave to report as follows :

That they have examined the Accounts and Vouchers of the Grand Clerk and Treasurer, and found them entirely correct.

That in view of the pending liabilities of the Provincial Grand Lodge, they deem it inadvisable for this year to reduce the Fees due by Subordinate Lodges with the exception perhaps, of 50 cents on the annual Dues due for each member.

That they recommend in view of the expense incurred by the Provincial Grand Master, that his annual contribution be remitted, and the same course be adopted with regard to the Grand Clerk's dues.

That they recommend the compensation to the Grand Secretary be fixed at \$150 per annum.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. JACKSON, }
WM. DALBY, } Committee
JAMES GILLON. }

On motion the report of the Committee was received and the dues of every subscribing member of Subordinate

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Lodges reduced to \$1 50 per annum, and the remuneration of the Grand Secretary was referred to a Special Committee of three, to report to the R. W. the Provincial Grand Master, for his approval.

The Grand Master appointed

BRO. R. H. ADAMS,
BRO. J. ROBERTSON STEWART, }Committee on Fees.
BRO. M. W. WAITT.

On motion the proposition of the District Grand Lodge to form a joint Board of Relief, was referred to a Committee of three :

COMMITTEE..... { SIMEON DUCK,
W. JACKSON,
JAS. HARVEY.

On motion the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge were ordered to be printed.

The Chairman of the Committee on Nominations then reported the names of the following Brethren for the elective offices as follows :

To THE R. W. THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR :

The Committee appoin.ed by you to nominate the elective officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, beg leave to report that they have nominated the following for the ensuing Masonic year :

W. Bro. J. R. STEWART, Grand Treasurer.

" GEO. GRANT, Grand Clerk.

" M. W. WAITT, Senior Grand Deacon.

" J. C. HUGHES, Junior " "

" W. DALBY, Grand Architect.

" JONATHAN NUTT, Grand Bible Bearer.

" JAS. GILLON, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

" COOTE M. CHAMBERS, Grand Organist.

" DR. W. JACKSON, Grand Sword Bearer.

" P. J. HALL, Grand Tyler.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Grand Committee..... { R. H. ADAMS,
SIMEON DUCK,
WM. DALBY.
H. F. HEISTERMAN.

MASONIC HALL, VICTORIA, May 1, 1869.

On motion the report was adopted and the Brethren named declared unanimously elected.

The Provincial Grand Master then announced the following appointments;

Deputy Provincial Grand Master, R. W. BRO. N. J. NEUSTADT.
 Substitute Provincial Grand Master, R. W. BRO. R. H. ADAMS.
 Provincial Senior Grand Warden, R. W. BRO. SIMEON DUCK.
 Provincial Junior Grand Warden, R. W. BRO. S. D. LEVI.
 Provincial Grand Secretary, V. W. BRO. H. F. HEISTERMAN.
 Provincial Grand Chaplain, V. W. and Rev. Bro. THOS. SOMERVILLE.

Certain resolutions introduced by the Junior Warden of Vancouver Lodge, No. 421, were received and on motion placed on file—the Provincial Grand Master remarking that every Lodge already had power to act in the premises without any intervention of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

On motion, it was resolved that the Provincial Grand Lodge does not approve hereafter of the principle of members of Subordinate Lodges affiliating with those of other jurisdictions.

On motion, the compensation of the Provincial Grand Tyler was referred to the Committee on Fees.

The R. W. the Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to the Installation of the appointed and elected officers for the ensuing Masonic year, to wit:

R. W. BRO. N. J. NEUSTADT, Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
 R. W. " R. H. ADAMS, Substitute Provincial Grand Master.
 R. W. " SIMEON DUCK, Senior Provincial Grand Warden.
 R. W. " S. D. LEVI, Junior Provincial Grand Warden.
 V. W. " J. ROBERTSON STEWART, Provincial Grand Treasurer.
 V. W. " H. F. HEISTERMAN, Provincial Grand Secretary.
 V. W. " GEO. GRANT, Provincial Grand Clerk.
 V. W. and Rev. BRO. THOS. SOMERVILLE, Provincial Grand Chaplain.
 " W. M. WAITT, Provincial Senior Grand Deacon.
 " J. C. HUGHES, Provincial Junior Grand Deacon.
 " W. DALBY, Provincial Grand Architect.
 " JONATHAN NUTT, Provincial Grand Bible Bearer.
 " J. GILLON, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 " COOTE M. CHAMBERS, Provincial Grand Organist.
 " DR. W. JACKSON, Provincial Grand Sword Bearer.
 " P. J. HALL, Provincial Grand Tyler.

No further business offering, the Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in DUE FORM, with solema prayer.

H. F. HEISTERMAN,
 Provincial Grand Secretary.

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RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT LODGES

For the year ending December 31, A. L. 5868.

VANCOUVER LODGE NO. 421.

VICTORIA, V. I., BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Meets on the Third Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS

Installed, 28th December, 1868 :

S. Duck, P. S. G. W.	W. M.	F. F. Heisterman, P. G. S.,	Secretary.
T. S. Allatt,	D. M.	Rev. T. Somerville, P. G. C.,	Chaplain.
A. Frankel,	S. M.	G. C. Keays,	S. D.
M. Jackson, P. G. S. B.,	S. W.	Jas. Crump,	J. D.
Wm. Dalby, P. G. A.,	J. W.	Wm. Bowden,	I. G.
J. Gillon, P. G. D. of C.,	Treasurer.	H. E. Seelye,	Steward.
P. J. Hall, P. G. Tyler, Tyler.			

PAST MASTERS.

J. W. Powell, P. G. M.	R. H. Adams, P. S. G. M.
N. J. Neustadt, D. P. G. M.	M. W. Waitt, P. S. G. D.

MASTER MASON.

Right Honorable The Earl of Dalhousie, Grand Master Mason of Scotland,
(honorary).

R. J. McDonnell,	Jno. Clapperton,	W. I. Doane,
J. R. Stewart, P. G. Treas.	D. H. Porter,	A. G. Richardson,
G. H. Coe, G. M. of Idaho, (honorary)		D. F. Fee,
R. T. Smith,	Wm. Haynes,	John Dorman,
Ralph Borthwick,	Welff Hoffman,	George Rudlin,
Thomas Lowe,	A. Astrico,	F. H. Lamb,

G. Hickin,
Joseph Boscowitz,
Samuel Harris,
Alexander Gilmore,
P. Manetta,
H. B. W. Aikman,
F. J. Weissenburger,
C. Dechent,
W. Jas. Miller,
Charles Taylor,
L. Franklin, P. M.
Jos. Davies,

K. J. F. Becker,
Thomas Hammond,
A. Theakston,
W. F. Crate,
Wm. Keohan,
F. G. Moody,
J. H. Turner,
F. Campbell,
H. M. Cohen,
Thomas Ennor,
G. Pearkes, P. M.
W. Scott.—70

P. A. Peterson,
W. S. Louttit,
Alexander Wilson,
John Finlayson,
F. B. Mills,
J. Madden,
J. G. Vinter,
C. Astrico,
Wm. G. Jamieson,
Peter Steel,
W. Muldoon, P. M.

FELLOW CRAFT.

Robert Wood,

G. C. Gerow,

John Goodacre.—3

ENTERED APPRENTICES.

W. A. McCurdy, John Jessop.—2.

UNAFFILIATING CONTRIBUTING MEMBER :

Jos. Spratt.—1

DEMITTED SINCE FOUNDATION OF LODGE, OCTOBER, 1862 :

Chas. W. Allen.....1864,	S. Reinhart.....1866,	W. Jeffray.....1868,
Geo. Cruickshank.. “	C. Gentile..... “	Saml. Goldstone.. “
Geo. H. Coe..... “	T. G. Morris..... “	G. Creighton..... “
M. Meyer..... “	Rev. H. M. Cohen “	J. B. Haggin..... “
L. Jacobs..... “	P. E. Devine..... “	J. E. Hunt..... “
T. G. Williams..... “	W. Edwards..... “-6	L. Anthony..... “
A. Blackman..... “	G. Goudie.....1867,	P. Wheelan “ 7
S. Hoffman..... “-8	John Wright..... “	J. A. McCrea.....1869,
J. Cain.....1865,	G. H. Sanders.. “	W. W. Francis... “
R. Deighton..... “	E. R. Shain..... “	F. Cantrill..... “
G. C. Webster..... “	S. B. Abbott..... “	R. B. Powell, Secre-
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C. P. Skinner..... “	F. Toller..... “	—
B. Gregory “-6	Victor Jones..... “-8	49

DIED :

Thomas Carter,

J. W. Dissette.

SUSPENDED :

J. W. Keyser.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

David Cameron,
A. N. Schultz,

Lionel Varicas,
David Grier,

H. N. Steel,
T. G. Gill.

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D. McNair
J. L. Muir
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S. D. Levi,
W. Stewart
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CARIBOO LODGE, NO. 466.

BARKERVILLE, WILLIAMS CREEK, CARIBOO.

Meets on the First Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS :

Installed 22d June, 1868 :

Jon. Nutt, P. G. B. B., W. M.	J. S. Thompson,	S. D.
D. McNaughton, D. M.	A. C. Campbell,	J. D.
J. L. Muir, S. M.	V. Jones,	I. G.
G. Grant, P. G. C. J. W.	G. C. Webster,	Tyler,
N. F. Foster, Treasurer.	J. Bruce,	} Stewards.
W. M. Cochrane, Secretary.	J. G. Goodson,	

MASTER MASONS.

Right Honorable the Earl of Dalhousie, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, (honorary).

W. H. Fitzgerald,	J. G. Mann,	J. Weile,
W. Fraser,	F. Hammond,	J. H. St. Lauret,
G. Byrnes,	R. Deighton,	E. Pearson,
J. Lovell,	E. John,	A. Vignolo,
J. Parker,	G. Duff,	D. F. Price,
C. Strauss,	H. E. Lesczynski,	J. D. Ritchie,
J. H. Sullivan,	A. Pendola,	J. M. Sparrow,
J. G. Mann,	D. L. Ballantine,	W. Kensie,
S. Cahn,	A. Hoffman,	E. C. Parsons,
R. Patterson—42.		

CALEDONIA LODGE, NO. 478.

NANAIMO, VANCOUVER ISLAND.

Meets on the First Monday in each month.

OFFICERS :

Installed 28th December 1868 :

S. D. Levi, P. J. G. W., W. M.	Isaac Johns,	Secretary,
W. Stewart, D. M.	James Brown,	S. D.
John Renwick, S. M.	David Frew,	J. D.
James Harvey, S. W.	Francis Dean Little,	I. G.
Archibald Muir, Treasurer,		

MASTER MASONS :

Right Honorable the Earl of Dalhousie, Grand Master Mason of Scotland,
(honorary).

Jacob Blessing, Geo. Baker, John Dick, Wm. McCulloch—14.

ENTERED APPRENTICE :

Henry Jerome—1.

EXPELLED :

Archibald McAllister—1.

MOUNT HERMON LODGE, No.

HASTINGS, BURRARD INLET.

Meets on Saturday previous the full moon in each month.

OFFICERS :

Installed 15th January, 1869.

J. C. Hughes, P. J. G. D.,	W. M.	George W. Haynes,	S. D.
	D. M.	Alexander McGowan,	J. D.
	S. M.	S. P. Moody,	I. G.
W. F. O. Allen,	S. W.	S. F. Washburne,	Tyler,
P. W. Sweet,	J. W.	J. Van Bramer,	Treasurer,
Coote M. Chambers, P. G. O., Secretary.			

MASTER MASONS :

Right Honorable the Earl of Dalhousie, Grand Master Mason of Scotland,
(honorary).

John McDonald, Hugh James Weir, John McDonald, Benj. Wilson,
George Cole, William Burton, Jos. Humphrey—17.

ENTERED APPRENTICE :

John Austen Cotterell—1.

UNAFFILIATED SUBSCRIBING MEMBERS :

F. H. Lamb, A. G. Richardson, A. W. S. Black.

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APPENDIX.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia consists of the following officers, taking precedence as follows:

PAST OFFICERS RANKING IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH CORRESPONDING OFFICER:

	The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master,
	The Right Worshipful Provincial Deputy Grand Master,
	The Right Worshipful Provincial Substitute Grand Wardens,
	The Very Worshipful Provincial Grand Treasurer,
	The Very Worshipful Provincial Grand Secretary,
	The Very Worshipful Provincial Grand Clerk.
	The Very Worshipful and Rev. Provincial Grand Chaplain,
S. D.	The Worshipful Provincial Grand Deacons,
J. D.	The Worshipful Provincial Grand Architect,
I. G.	The Worshipful Provincial Grand Bible Bearer,
Tyler,	The Worshipful Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies,
Treasurer,	The Worshipful Provincial Grand Sword Bearer,
	The Worshipful Provincial Grand Director of Music,

n of Scotland.

Benj. Wilson,

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S. Black.

and the Masters, Wardens and Past Masters of every Lodge in the Province of British Columbia, holding its warrant from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

II.

That all officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge and all Masters and Wardens of Subordinate Lodges shall attend when duly summoned by order of the Provincial Grand Master, or the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, at such time and place as may be specified, subject to such fines as are imposed under article VI.

III.

Every Master Mason on his first appointment to any office in the Provincial Grand Lodge, shall pay the following contribution to the fund thereof:

Provincial Grand Master.....	\$15 00
Deputy Provincial Grand Master.....	10 00
And every other officer except the Tyler.....	5 00

ERRATA.—Instead of "Right Worshipful Provincial Substitute Grand Wardens," read "Right Worshipful Provincial Substitute Grand Master," and "The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Wardens," above. On page 28, art. 4, read "Substitute Provincial Grand Master, \$7 50 each."

IV.

The officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge shall contribute to the fund of General Purposes, annually, as follows :

Provincial Grand Master.....	\$15 00
Deputy Provincial Grand Master.....	10 00
Provincial Grand Wardens.....	\$7 50 each.
“ “ Treasurer.....	
“ “ Secretary.....	
“ “ Clerk.....	
“ “ Chaplain.....	
“ “ Director of Ceremonies.....	\$5 00 each.
Provincial Grand Deacon.....	
“ “ Sword Bearer.....	
“ “ Architect.....	
“ “ Bible Bearer.....	
“ “ Director of Ceremonies.....	
And every member.....	\$2 50 each.

V.

All Lodges shall pay to the fund of General Purposes

For every subscribing member per annum.....	\$ 1 50
For every newly made Mason “	2 00
“ Passing “ “	2 00
“ Raising “ “	2 00
“ Affiliation “ “	2 00
“ Dispensation for Funeral.....	5 00
“ Other Dispensation.....	10 00
“ Copy of Grand Lodge Certificate.....	50
“ Grand Lodge Certificate.....	1 00

VI.

The following fines for the fund of General Purposes are hereby imposed on all officers and members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, who shall neglect to attend according to article I.

Provincial Grand Master.....	\$10 00
Deputy Provincial Grand Master.....	5 00
Substitute “ “ “	5 00
Provincial Grand Wardens.....	\$2 50 each.
“ “ Treasurer.....	
“ “ Secretary.....	
“ “ Clerk.....	
“ “ Chaplain.....	
Deacons and all other officers.....	\$1 00 each.
Past Grand officers and members.....	

VII.

The Provincial Grand Master, or his Deputy or Substitute (if presiding), may remit payment of any fine imposed under any of these articles, on such excuse being made to him as he shall deem sufficient.

VIII.

Each Lodge shall annually at the termination of its Masonic year make return to the Provincial Grand Secretary of the names, ages, titles, professions or trades of new brethren made during the year with the date at which the several degrees were conferred, and whether by Dispensation, or otherwise; also of all joining members, together with the age, occupation or profession, and the name and number of the Lodge of which they were last members; said return to be accompanied with all monies due the Provincial Grand Lodge under article V.

IX.

The Provincial Grand officers, except those elective, shall be annually appointed by the Provincial Grand Master at the annual Communication in each year, and their duties shall be the same as laid down in the Book of Constitutions.

X.

The Provincial Grand Secretary shall be paid such remuneration for his services as the Committee on Finance shall recommend.

XI.

All monies collected under these articles shall be paid to the Provincial Grand Secretary, (or in his absence to the Provincial Grand Clerk, whose duty shall be reciprocal, as laid down by the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Scotland), and by him handed to the Provincial Grand Treasurer, (taking a receipt for the same), and no money shall be paid for any purpose from the Fund of General Purposes except by a vote of the Provincial Grand Lodge, or an order signed by the Provincial Grand Master.

XII.

During the time of public business the rules of order for the government of the Provincial Grand Lodge, shall be as stated in the Book of Constitutions of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland.

XIII.

The Provincial Grand Master shall only be applied to on any business concerning Masons or Masonry, through the Deputy or Substitute Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Secretary or Provincial Grand Clerk.

XIV.

Any Provincial Grand officer neglecting to pay Fees or Fines which may

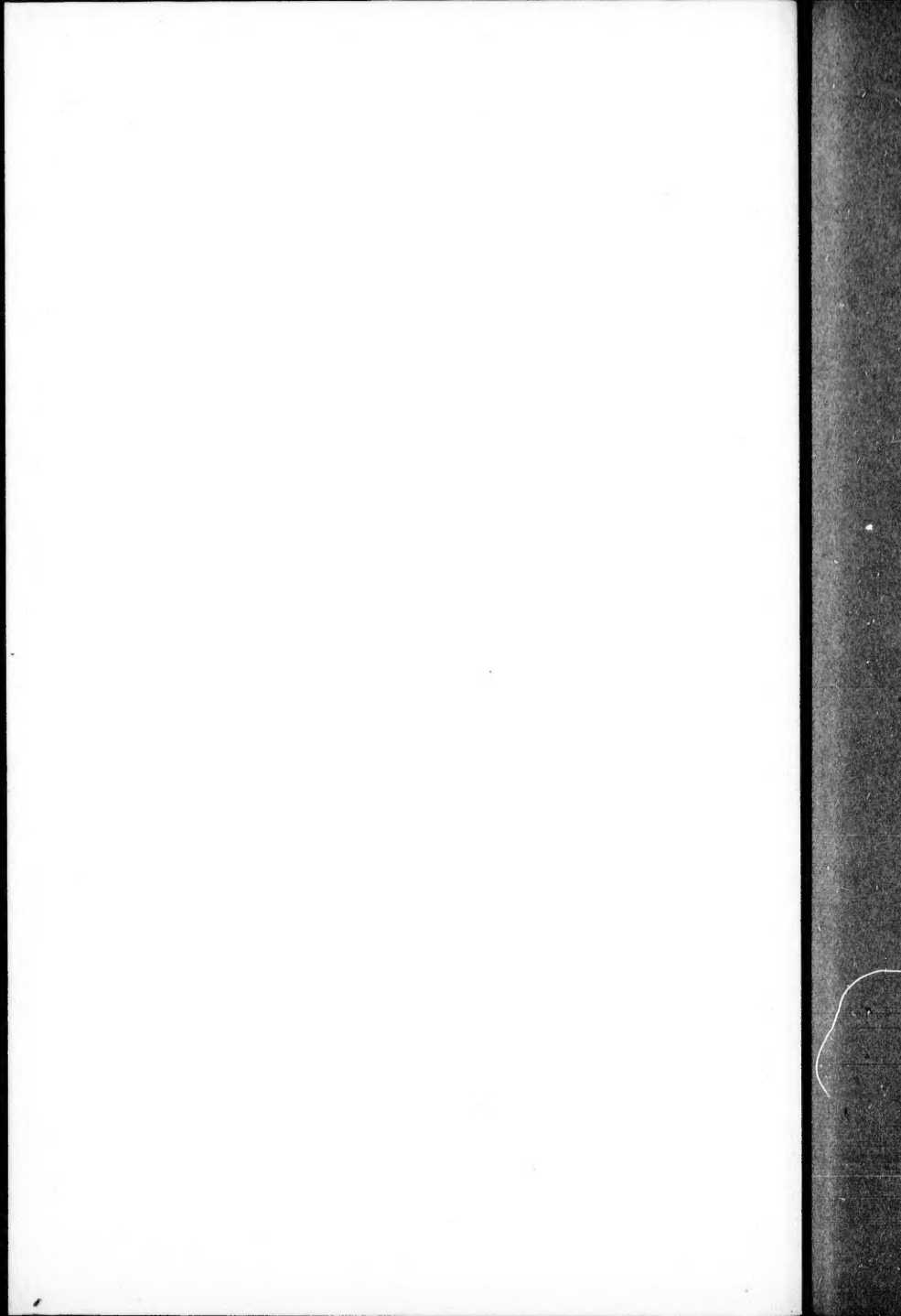
be incurred under any of the above articles, his office may be declared vacant, and any rank or distinction acquired in consequence of his appointment forfeited.

Adopted 8th August, 1868. Confirmed 26th December, 1868.

H. F. HEISTERMAN,
Provincial Grand Secretary.

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